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## A FINE TABLE MEDICINE.

### Olive Oil Highly Recommended for Health.

Medical authorities claim that olive oil should be in all homes and freely used. If taken freely, it stops the attack of appendicitis, and is a regular flesh and nerve builder, and a person is never troubled with indigestion when this oil is used daily. An authority recently said of it:

"Olive oil is a regular jack-of-all-trades. It aids digestion, builds tissue, renovates nerves and does a general purifying and healing business."

"The skeleton frame calls for it, the starved nerves demand it, the sluggish blood stream needs a lubricant, the pale cheeks need a rosy hue, the dead scalp calls for new life, and all these can be obtained by introducing pure olive oil into the daily rations."

"A pint or more a week with food may be used with nothing but good results. Not only make your salad dressing almost entirely of oil, but put it into everything you eat. Then as an extra, take a dessert spoonful before each meal."

"If you find it hard to take it clear, you can add lemon or other fruit juices, milk, or salt. But after a while you will find it palatable when taken quite clear."

"How many drawn, wrinkled, dried up faces we see which are all the ghastlier for the wretched attempt at an occasional smile. They need oil. Try it as an article of diet and see the freshness return to such faces."

"But do not expect the miracle of an immediate fresh face. You may have been drying up for years and it will require months to complete the lubricating process."

### Miami Snakebite Treatment.

THE HERALD having inquired as to the treatment applied by the Dade County Medical Society in the case of the negro child which recently died in Miami from the effects of a rattlesnake bite, Dr. Walter S. Graham of that city kindly and fully answers in a late issue of the Miami Metropolis. As his report is quite lengthy, we condense it and give the substance of it as follows:

The child was between three and four years old; was bitten by a large snake, making two wounds about three inches apart near the top of her left thigh; was brought in from over two miles in the country and got to the doctors an hour after being bitten. Her parents had bound a leather strap around her thigh to prevent the circulation of the poison. Dr. Mullet at once injected permanganate of potash into and around the wounds and gave the child two ounces of whiskey. He also gave a teaspoonful of the specific tincture of Echafolta and injected some into the wounds.

Then a clean cut about half an inch deep was made from one wound to the other to let out the blood and the wound was painted with a very strong solution of carbolic acid. The leather strap was then removed; no bleeding followed; and then Dr. Mullet applied to the wound some absorbent cotton wet with a solution of bi-chloride

Tallahassee Democrat:—General Albert W. Gilchrist, candidate for Governor, in a nice little personal letter, extended the "New Year Greeting," with good wishes to us, which we appreciated. It is always pleasant to be personally remembered on such occasions, and the True Democrat returns to him its very best good wishes for a long and happy life. General Albert Gilchrist is among those Floridians who are always bright, pleasing, charitable and cheerful—"scattering sunshine all along his way," and he has friends all over Florida.

## THE MULLET KING.

### Patriarch of the Tribe Captured Last Week.

He was not only the king of the mullet, but the father of the whole tribe in these waters. The biggest mullet ever seen or caught. The oldest fishermen here confess that he was the largest they ever saw or heard of. He was caught on Wednesday of last week near the mouth of Alligator creek by Henry Buchans, fishing for the Florida Fish & Produce Co., and was shipped to Jacksonville next day. His largest circumference was 17½ inches, length 21½ inches, weight 10½ pounds.

The biggest, finest mullet in the world are shipped from Punta Gorda.

Lake Butler Star:—Hon. Albert Gilchrist is sending out a card on which are three monkeys. Do they represent the "three friends" or does Mr. Gilchrist desire to convey the idea that he will make monkeys of the other candidates for governor?

of mercury. This was all that was done, but, in THE HERALD's humble opinion, it would have killed the child, even it had not been bitten by a snake.

The doctors believed that the leather strap prevented the child from dying before it reached the city, but it lived till near midnight. Symptoms exhibited were a swelling of the thigh at the wounds and drowsiness. The pulse and heart beats were strong and regular up to the end of the treatment.

The general opinion was that the case was hopeless from the start, because it took too long to get it to a doctor; the patient was young and the snake a large one; the bites were in a place where the blood vessels are numerous, and the force of the bites was broken only by a thin calico dress.

Dr. Graham closes with the advice that, when a person is bitten by a snake, the wounded limb should instantly be bound with a strap or cord to prevent the poison from circulating and that some one should suck the poison from the wound. He says there is no danger in taking the poison into the mouth, unless there is an open cut or wound in the mouth or on the lip. He recommends the use of Echafolta, if it can be had at once.

He says nothing about alum or tincture of iodine as a remedy, though the latter, given internally, has been widely recommended. Permanganate of potash has failed in every case in which it has been used for rattlesnake bite.

## MUCH RESOLUTIN'.

### Our County Commissioners Make a Bad Break.

At the regular meeting of the DeSoto County Commissioners held on the 6th inst., the following whereas and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The DeSoto County News has this day made a proposition to do the publishing of the Board, as enumerated therein, asking in consideration therefore that The DeSoto County News be designated the official paper of our Board for the year 1908; and,

Whereas, after a careful investigation, we believe that a much larger number of taxpayers and voters of DeSoto county can be reached through the columns of The DeSoto County News than any other medium at our command; and,

Whereas, we believe it to be our duty to serve the best interest of all the people of the county, without fear or favor and regardless of criticism; and,

Whereas, we recognize The DeSoto County News as being one of the leading weeklies of the State and an exponent of law and order and everything that has for its object the upbuilding of the entire county; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the proposition of the DeSoto County News be accepted, and The DeSoto County News is hereby designated the official paper of the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto county, Fla., for the year 1908. Be it further

Resolved, That all the officials of DeSoto county are requested to have published in The DeSoto County News all legal notices emanating in their office.

R. L. Holzendorf, Chm.  
C. L. Keen,  
D. J. Farrabee,  
D. S. Williams,  
J. H. Concannon.

Following the adoption of the foregoing stuff, the job printing was given the DeSoto County News and that paper was designated as the one for the publication of the delinquent tax list of 1908.

A meeting of the publishers of the four other papers of the county was held in Wauchula last Saturday and the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, did, at their January, 1908, meeting, unanimously adopt and sign certain resolutions reflecting upon the morals and integrity of the press of DeSoto County; and,

Whereas, The said Board did endeavor to create and foster a monopoly of public printing and thereby instigate a boycott against all other papers of DeSoto county by recommending all county officials to give all legal business to a certain paper in the county; and,

Whereas, To our certain knowledge said Board did not investigate the circulation claims of any of our newspapers; and,

Whereas, The press of DeSoto County has been a unit in working for the best interests and upbuilding of DeSoto County; and,

Whereas, The County Commissioners should endeavor to foster

Jacksonville Times-Union:—Brother Jordan wonders how we can justify our act of robbing Columbia of our canal zone. Why, didn't we set up Panama, pay her for what we took and then order her to give Colombia the money? Suppose we steal a horse a man refuses to sell; afterward we offer him the price we are willing to pay and plead in court that another did the stealing at our request, but we will not let a neighbor put fancy prices on his goods? Don't all agree that our president is an honest man? Even Democrats swear he is honest.

## READY FOR GREAT CROWD.

### Splendid Attractions of the Coming State Fair.

Wednesday, February 5, less than three weeks from date, marks the opening of the great Florida State Fair at Tampa, and from that day till the fair gates close at the midnight hour of February 22, thousands of tourists, home-seekers and visitors will be entertained as never before at any state fair in the country. Floridians themselves have been greatly surprised at the magnitude of the fairs held in Tampa in former years, but in absolute no feature will those fairs compare with that of February, by reason of which every Floridian should attend. Absolutely every visitor will be well taken care of at small expense; and were the fair to open today instead of a month hence, so thorough has been the work of employees of the Bureau of Information, who will direct visitors to proper homes, thousands could be cared for at a moment's notice.

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every enterprise whose object is the upbuilding of DeSoto County; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the undersigned newspapers do unanimously condemn such resolutions as unnecessary, unfair, unjust and without proper motive, and that said Board of County Commissioners acted without legal authority or the exercise of common sense; and, be it further

Resolved, That, in the protection of our individual and mutual interests against this unprecedented outrage, we pledge ourselves not to support any county official in his candidacy for election to any office who may comply with the request of the County Commissioners relating to the publication of legal notices emanating from their offices, or show any inclination whatever to do so. (Signed)

THE WAUCHULA TELEGRAM,  
H. C. Sparkman, Pub.  
THE CHAMPION,  
R. B. Child, Bus. Mgr.  
THE FLORIDA ADVOCATE,  
Geo. M. Goolsby, Pub.  
THE PUNTA GORDA HERALD,  
A. P. Jordan, Pub.

This Jan. 11, '08.

W. E. Griffin is now sole owner of the Fort Myers Breeze and he is prospering at such a rate that he needs another printer. He is making the Breeze one of the best papers in the State.

Pensacola News:—For a well-edited, neatly printed, all-round, A No. 1 country weekly, the PUNTA GORDA HERALD beats them all.

## GILCHRIST'S PLATFORM.

### Brief Outline of the Principles for Which He Stands.

To the People of Florida:

I would state that I am a candidate for Governor, subject to the Democratic Primary of 1908. No faction, ring or corporation "urged" me to become a candidate. I am a candidate for Governor because I want to be Governor. I want you to help me. I shall make an appeal to the intelligence rather than to the passions and prejudices of the people.

There should be a more economical administration of the State. The burden of taxation should bear more evenly. The taxation of every little enterprise in the State throws a burden upon industry rather than upon wealth.

Capital and labor are necessary to each other. Both should be protected. Neither should be oppressed. There are two kinds of men, the natural and the artificial. The artificial man is a corporation. Each should be restrained within due bounds, each has certain rights. Neither should be destroyed.

The Constitution provides for Local Option. Amendments to the Constitution are approved or vetoed by the people. The Governor does not veto constitutional amendments. DeSoto is a dry county; I voted dry. I live a life of temperance. Some people would prefer a candidate to talk rather than to live the life. I am not on the band wagon. Walking is good enough for me.

The Pardoning Board is often imposed upon. Whenever necessary, the State's Attorney should represent the State before the Board.

In 1879, the following law was

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### Work of The Dimocks.

Times-Union:—The adaptation of the camera to the use of the fisherman and the illustration of his best work of the Messrs. Dimock, and every Florida fisherman should secure the series and bind them together or insist on their collection in book form. And we are inclined to believe that the best of these may be seen in the January number of Appleton's, in the article on The Tarpon and the shark. These are not from the fancy, but from the fact, as will be immediately recognized by "those who know." The father and the son work together for the exhibits. The father fishes and the son hovers near in another boat with the camera. Season after season, they have gone out and gathered experience, but we doubt if more remains to be done even by themselves.

The Tavares Herald thus neatly, but unintentionally describes the kind of man Albert W. Gilchrist is:—A clear-eyed, straight-brained man with no tangling ances and with no desire to crease his or any one of his friends' fortunes by conniving, scheming in his political and one that will not be work towards the legislative or the people of Florida to execute their laws and